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REETH RURAL DISTRICT

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Gentlemen,

The following is my report for the year 1961. The statistics are based on a population of 1,760 persons which is the lowest ever recorded. The area of the district is 116 square miles. The density is therefore 14.66 persons per square mile. The number of inhabited houses is 901.

Vital Statistics

Live births	9 males	9 females	- 18	That is 10.03 per 1000 of population.

Illegitimate births - Nil

Still births 1 male 1 female - 2

Rate per 1000 total live and still births - 2 in 20 - 100

Deaths of infants under 1 year - 1 male

Infant Mortality Rate

Infant deaths per 1000 - total live births 55.55

Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 of legitimate live births 55.55

Illegitimate infant deaths - Nil

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks -1 male - 55.55 per 1000 live births.

Infant deaths under 1 week - 1 male - 55.55 per 1000 live births.

Maternal mortality - Nil

Deaths Male 17 - Female 12 Total 29

Rate per 1000 of population - 16.42 per 1000

Deaths from cancer - 3

Deaths from measles - Nil

Deaths from whooping cough - Nil

Deaths from diarrhoea under 2 years - Nil

Summary of Deaths

Disease	M.	F.	Total
Cancer of Stomach	1	-	1
Other Malignancy	1	1	2
Vascular disease of nervous system	2	3	5
Coronary disease	5	2	7
Other heart disease	2	4	6
Other circulatory disease	1	-	1
Pneumonia	1	1	2
Bronchitis	1	-	1
Ulcer of Stomach	1	-	1
Hyperplasm of Prostate	1	-	1
Other defined diseases	1	1	2
	17	12	29

Summary of Notification

Lobar phneumonia	1
Scarlet Fever	1
Measles	22
Whooping Cough	1
	25

Water Supply

The water supply during 1961 was ample with few exceptions - Bacteriological examination shows that Foscal Coli are sometimes present but this is due to the gathering grounds where cattle and sheep graze on the open moors. Water is scarce in Marrick as the supply is poor. A scheme is under contemplation to convey water from a point one mile north of the village but as there is a hill to overcome on the way, some form of added pressure will be needed - the extensive scheme for supplying most of the Rural district, and some neighbouring district, makes little headway and can only be put into execution with considerable help from the Ministry. There is no plumbo-solvent action in any of the water. Here follows details of each parish :-

Parish	Dwelling Houses	No. on Mains	On Stand Taps	Private	No proper supply
Muker	163	98	2	61	2
Ellerton	6	-	-	6	-
Arkengarthdale	149	90	4	51	4
Grinton	87	33	2	44	8
Marrick	45	12	-	27	6
Melbecks	202	155	5	28	14
Reeth	249	219	-	244	3

The stand taps are not much used now.

No new sewerage schemes have been commenced in 1961. A scheme for Thwaite is needed, but the fall eastward is not great and may cause some difficulty - the

existing sewerage schemes at Reeth, Grinton, Healaugh, Muker and Keld do not meet with the approval of the River Board.

There are no common lodging houses in Reeth Rural District.

Tuberculosis

Number of cases resident in the Rural District

1961

Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
Male	3	Male	-
Female	-	Female	-

There was no case notified in 1961.

I must again conclude by mentioning all the help I have received from Mr. J. V. Metcalfe, the Sanitary Inspector.

Yours faithfully,

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